

# Manitoba's Northland



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**T**HE NORTH! The word has always had a fascination. The North, we feel, is a magic country in every way. And a magic country it is. It's a land of great wealth, of entrancing beauty. A sweeping statement? Yes, but any visitor to Northern Manitoba can't help but agree.

Manitoba's northland has all the mystery, romance and rugged beauty of a land unspoiled by man and machine. It's an adventureland for the sportsman who wants to fish in virgin waters, hunt in silent forest or travel through uncharted country by canoe. It's all this and more—for on the southern fringes of this vast area man has added the comforts and convenience of modern civilization.

Take the mining town of Flin Flon. Today it's a city with a fabulous rate of growth. Little more than a quarter-century ago, it was Nowhere. Some 600 road miles and 400 air miles northwest of Winnipeg, the youthful city straddles the provincial border between Manitoba and Saskatchewan. And it's the centre of an area filled with top tourist lures.

In 1928 there were perhaps 150 people around. Today, boosters claim there are 14,000. It's Manitoba's third largest urban centre.

In that quarter-century millions and millions of tons of ore have been taken out of the rich mines, millions of dollars worth of fish taken from the teeming lakes and streams.

And there's no sign, yet, of either of these commodities running out.

Fish?

"Why," natives will tell you, "see that little hardware store across the street. I bet it sells more fishing tackle in a year than any big department store in Winnipeg.

"That's because everybody around here is a fisherman."

And why not? There are so many huge lakes and rich streams around that you can't go wrong when you take out your rod and reel for a day's fun.

In fact, a lake trout that for years held the world's record—a 63-pounder—was caught in nearby Lake Athapapuskow, and by a woman at that! And every year, at the annual Flin Flon Trout Festival, you don't stand a chance of being the winner unless you can do better than at least a 30-pounder.

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## **1956 FLIN FLON**

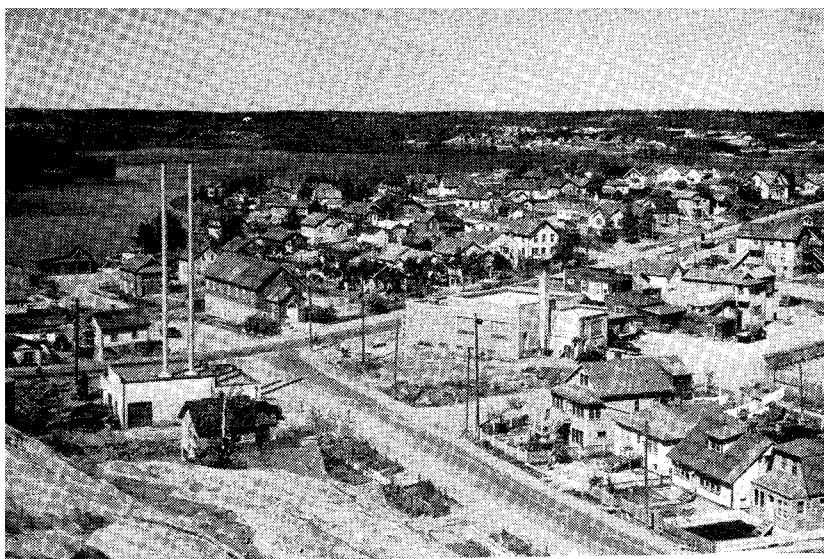
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**FLIN FLON, MAN.**



A View Of Flin Flon

One week, a 16-year-old schoolboy pulled in a 40-pound laker. He was using a 15-pound test line and a dime store rod and reel. And there are lots of great northern pike—they call them "long-nosed trout"—and walleyes, too.

In town, all the sidewalks have railings. They have to have them—because they are about four feet above street level. It's probably the only town in the world whose sidewalks are built on sewer boxes. The people don't care—the reason for it is why they have a great copper and zinc smelter in town.

Flin Flon is built on rocks and muskeg. The rocks jut out everywhere and it's from these rocks that the riches come. They are the oldest rocks in the world, for they belong to the Precambrian shield.

Before the Second World War, the people were planning to bring in heavy equipment to lay sewers underground but they didn't have time. Besides, it would have cost too much to blast the rock. So they just built the sewers and the watermains on top of it. To protect them from the cold, they built a box or casing around them. The casings are about four feet high and about four feet wide and they parallel the street everywhere. In the winter, so many children were hurt from falls that somebody got the idea of putting up a railing. Thus, in Flin Flon, the sidewalks are on sewers.

The town itself is young and so are the people. You'd swear you never saw so many children anywhere! The "original settlers," too, are fresh-faced and youthful looking. That healthy northern air works wonders!

Nearby Phantom Lake—the local summer resort—is a product of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company. It's an artificial lake built at company expense for

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*"Where Fish and Fishermen Meet"*

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## **CAMP OUTLAND**

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**REED LAKE (via Cranberry Portage)**

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the benefit of the townspeople. The company's to thank, too, they say, for many of the roads, playgrounds and other advantages that the town possesses.

Even though the town has quietened down from the first rugged frontier days, there is still a lot of romance and glamor about. Even the name of Flin Flon itself comes from an old dime novel.

The "official" story of the origin of the name is that it comes from a weatherbeaten English thrill magazine found on the spot by a group of prospectors in the area. Name of the hero of the story was Joseph Flintabbat Flonatin. They couldn't pronounce the whole thing, so they just called it Flin Flon.

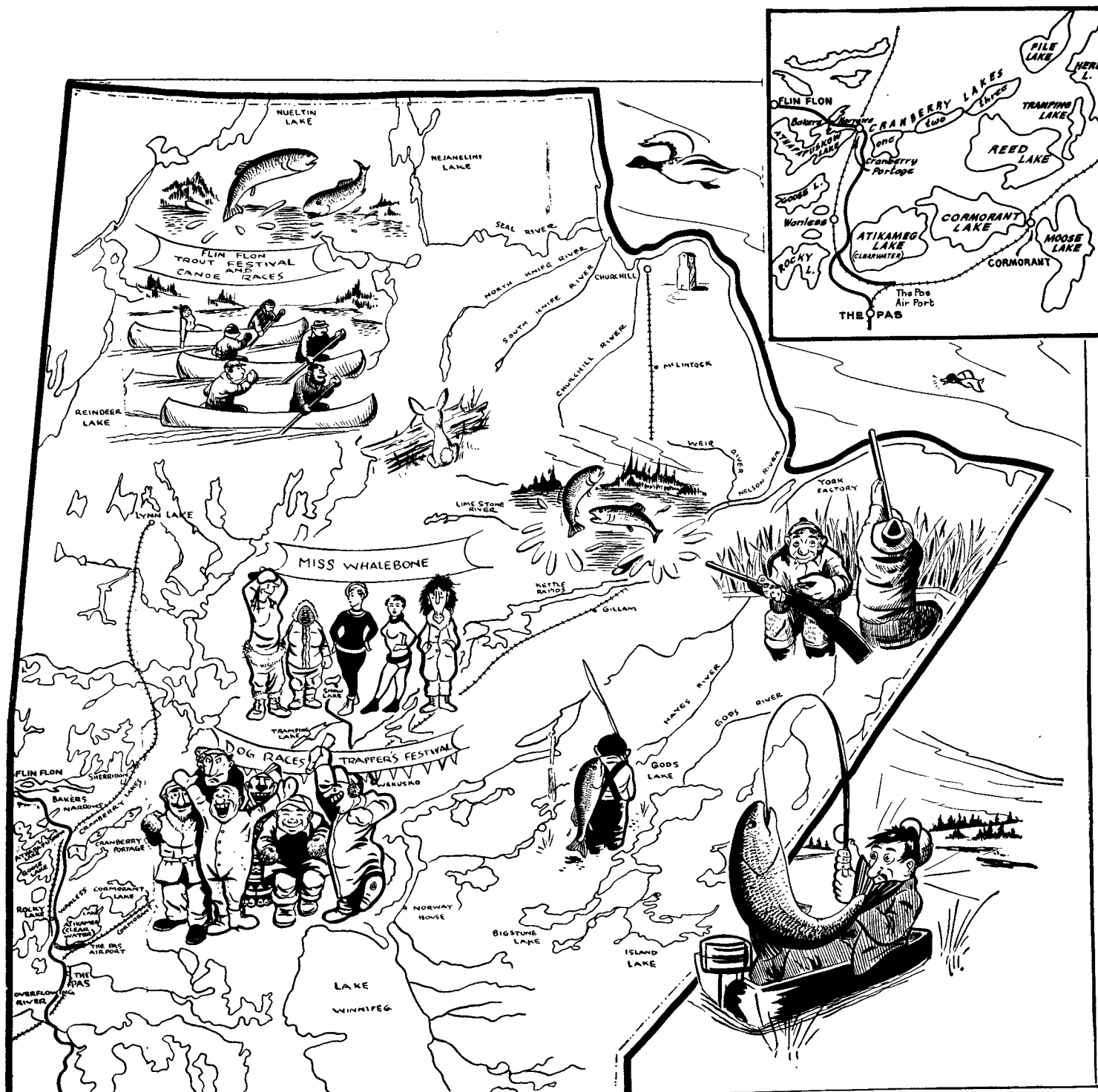
Men still thrill to the lure of the north just as did the early explorers—Henry Hudson, after whom the bay and Hudson Strait as well as the Hudson River in New York are named—Jens Munck, Henry Kelsey, La Perouse and others.

The Pas, the north's second largest centre, is the southern terminal of the Flin Flon-Sherridon-Lynn Lake railway and also the Hudson Bay railway to the Port of Churchill. The town is the north's transport centre. It's the site of the only bridge that crosses the mighty Saskatchewan River for 200 miles east or west and it's the centre for air transportation to all the more northerly points.

Most famed aspect of The Pas activities is the annual winter Trappers' Festival, which features a sleigh-dog race over miles and miles of ice and snow. Then there's a northern beauty contest with fresh-faced contestants

*Trappers' Festival — Gala Winter Attraction of the North*







from all over the area. Other events include snowshoe and moccasin races, a special dog derby for the ladies, a toboggan race and all the revelry and frontier excitement that's to be expected when the north has a party.

The Pas area also offers fishing and hunting—big game as well as ducks and geese. The popularity of the district is attested to by the large number of cars with "strange" license plates seen nearby on the opening day of the shooting season. To the west is the Carrot River Valley, beloved of hunters. Eastward, the sportsman is drawn to the Saskatchewan River, Cedar, Moose and Kelsey Lakes and the great man-made muskrat marshes. Here the works of man—originally created for the benefit of the trapper—have done wonders to aid the sport hunter as well. And the traplines near The Pas still yield a rich harvest every year.

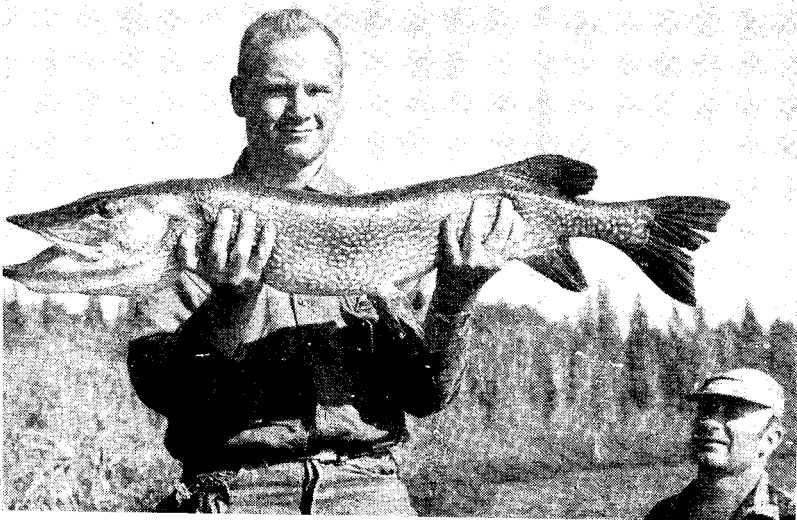
The Hudson Bay port of Churchill, over on the eastern side of Manitoba's northland, is the centre through which much of the prairie wheat goes, bound for sale overseas. Here, if you are lucky, you can see natives in their canoes harpooning the great white whales.

The town is marked by the gleaming 2,500,000-bushel elevator which dominates the scene. This is the centre for Europe-bound grain.

Favorite tourist attractions are the elevator, the grain ships in the harbor, the Eskimo museum in the old Roman Catholic mission, the Anglican mission, the whaling plant and Cape Merry, where the Churchill River majestically flows into Hudson Bay.

In the central part of Manitoba's northland, God's Lake and God's River have been heralded as top fishing spots in articles in leading United States magazines.

*A "Great Northern" Denizen*



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Here's another thing about the people of Manitoba's northland—the country's so big that the people think in big terms. No job seems too formidable. Take the story of Lynn Lake.

When the Sherritt-Gordon Mines Limited deposits at Sherridon ran low, the company decided to embark on a step which it had been planning—in secret—for years. Much of the town of Sherridon was picked up and moved by sled north to Lynn Lake, where mineral discoveries had been made in 1941 and kept secret.

A pioneer prospector named Austin McVeigh made the important new mineral find in 1941. An employee of Sherritt-Gordon, he told no one but the company. Then when Sherridon looked like it was about finished, the company moved in the first diamond drills to probe the muskeg and rock in the Lynn Lake area, more than 480 air miles north and west of Winnipeg.

Developing Lynn Lake—and beginning to take its \$200,000,000 worth of nickel and copper ore from the earth—wasn't an easy job.

Nearest railhead was Sherridon, 120 air miles south—and the problem of transport was a major one.

Importance of the discovery prompted action by the Canadian government and work was begun on the extension of the rail line from Sherridon to Lynn Lake by Canadian National Railways.

## **Northland Boosters**

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men and tourists.

Completion of the 144-mile line meant that Lynn—a town that was literally moved bodily through the bush—was now connected with “civilization” by train as well as by plane and tractor.

The story of the town that migrated 160 miles by tractor train is a story that has captured attention everywhere. House by house, the town was loaded on huge wooden sleighs and hauled by tractors over the trail of ice and snow to Lynn.

Mine equipment, new materials and supplies also had to be taken by tractor train.

The job of pushing the frontier northward will go down in mining history as a major accomplishment.

The rough-hewn shacks and rowdy tumble of a traditional mining town are missing from Lynn. Instead, there is a well-planned modern town of pleasant lawns and backyard gardens. It's on the shores of a beautiful sandy lake and has electricity, running water, a well-equipped school and a view of the lake from every single home in the community.

The story of Lynn Lake is just one argument that can be advanced to prove the thesis that anything can happen in the North.

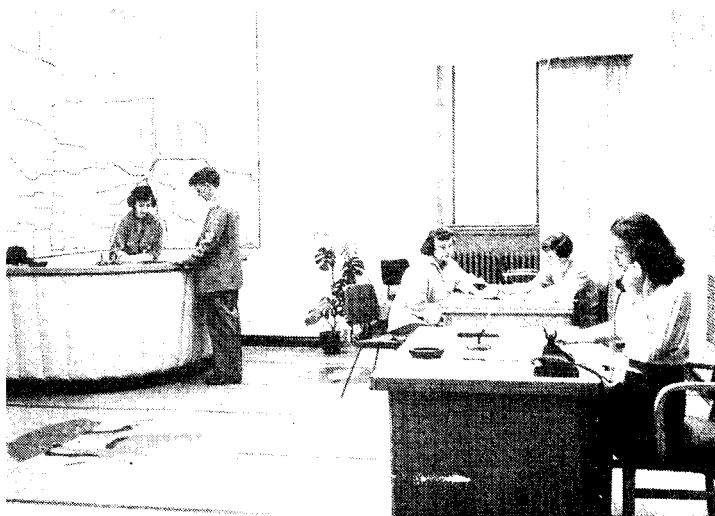
Anything can happen, too, in the realm of fishing—as any fisherman who's been to northern Manitoba will agree. He'll have tales of tremendous struggles with giants of the waters—of struggle and, finally, success. More than likely he'll be able to prove it, too.

The waters around Flin Flon and the town of Cranberry Portage—as well as lakes and streams along the Hudson Bay Railway—are almost unparalleled as spots that can always be depended upon for thrilling, satisfying fishing. Just ask any fisherman. Ask him, too, about the catches made annually at the big event of the fishing year—Flin Flon's Trout Festival.

Ask him about the “angler's dream” waterway made up of the three Cranberry Lakes, the Grass River and Reed and Tramping Lakes. Here the rule is better than 10-pound northern pike and lake trout, trophy-sized wall-eyes.

But it isn't only the sportsman who answers the call of the north. His wife and family find it a holiday haven, too. For those who like modern convenience and comfort there are picturesque lodges, motels and tourist camps that provide good food and a variety of vacation pastimes.

On the shores of beautiful pine-fringed lakes there are cabins to house the vacationing family comfortably. Besides fishing there's boating, swimming, exploring in the woodlands, sun-bathing and all the lazy-dazy advantages of a holiday home-away-from-home.



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